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**Serial No.:** 09/782101 **Group Art Unit:** 2633  
**Filing Date:** February 13, 2001 **Examiner:** N. Curs  
**Title:** Methods Of And Arrangements For Buffering Digital Optical Signals

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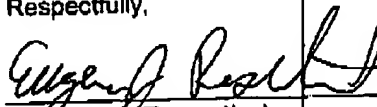
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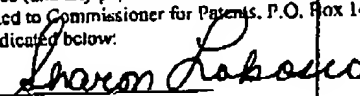
  
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